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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dana Dean, P.E.
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
P. O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Re: Support for U.S. Oil Sands mine plan revision

Dear Ms. Dean:

Uintah County was very pleased to receive notice from U.S. Oil Sands that their mine plan revision was open for comment. This is an important project for Uintah County. It contributes to the areas energy development efforts, provides employment opportunities for local residents, and supports local service companies. Considering that this will be the first commercial oil sand operation in the United States it will also bring recognition to the State of Utah.

U. S. Oil Sands potential contribution to the Utah economy, over a 10 year period, is estimated to bring on up to \$160 million in royalties to the SITLA, provide 200 to 300 full-time, high-paying, steady jobs, and infuse up to \$1.2 billion into the local economy. If these projections only produce 50% of what is projected, this is still an important project that must be fast tracked.

We appreciate the work of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) to make sure this is a safe and environmentally sound project. We believe that U.S. Oil Sands has done an excellent job of responding to DOGM's concerns with these revisions. In addition, U.S. Oil Sand's proprietary solvent extraction process should alleviate those concerns often associated with oil sands extraction. This appears to be a biologically friendly process and a great opportunity for Uintah County.

In closing, Uintah County is very much in support of this project and would ask that DOGM expedite the permitting process to the extent possible.

Sincerely,

UINTAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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